

**KOFABCO, INC. (CLASSICO LTD.)**

Peru, Miami County, IN  
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**Site Location and Description**

This site is located at 21 East Riverside Drive in Peru.

Zip Code: 46970

**Site Uses and Past Activities**

From the 1930s to the 1960s, this property was the site of a water valve manufacturing operation. From the 1960s to the late 1980s, the site was owned by Classico, Ltd., a metal furniture manufacturer. The City of Peru acquired the property as a result of delinquent property taxes.

**Contaminants and Impacts**

From December 16, 1992 to February 19, 1993, US EPA Region 5 conducted a time-critical removal of abandoned drums and containers labeled as solvents, lacquers, paints, waste oils and greases and corrosives found inside the Kofabco, Inc. building. An Integrated Assessment conducted in August 1994 by IDEM for the US EPA concluded that there was no threat to human health at the property, and the property did not warrant further action under the Superfund program at that time. As a result, it was removed from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) data base.

Results of the Indiana Brownfields Environmental Assessment Grant funded inspection for the presence of asbestos containing materials conducted by an independent consultant in 1998 indicate the presence of asbestos in primarily two areas of the abandoned building. Future use of the structure will need to be considered in light of these findings.

**Lead Agency**

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority

**Community Concerns**

This site is an eyesore and a public safety concern. A local manufacturer has expressed interest in utilizing this site for additional light assembly, storage and warehouse space.

**Actions Taken**



Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Land Quality

The City of Peru was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in September 1998. The awarded funding helped assess environmental conditions at the property and potential liabilities.

IDEM issued a Comfort Letter for this site in February 1999.

**Current Status**

IDEM does not plan to take any further action at the property unless and until the conditions at the property should change or IDEM later discovers the reports were inaccurate concerning the potential contamination at the property. The City of Peru and other stakeholders should proceed with redevelopment.

**Future Actions**

No further IDEM actions are planned at this time.

**Cost Estimates**

Amount of grant awarded: \$3,850

Comfort Letters are provided at no cost to the recipient.

**For More Information**

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